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SATURDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 16, 1916.

"America First and America Efficient"

PROBLEM BEFORE THE VOTERS

AT the annual meeting of the Ohio Bankers association held at Columbus Wednesday of this week Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the Federal Trade commission and an appointee of President Wilson, sounded a note of warning, the substance of which is admirably summed up in the following extract taken from the authorized copy of his address which was handed to the reporters:

When we think of Europe we think of a continent engulfed in war, devastated and disordered, but I want to say to you that we must correct that conception. While in many respects we know little of what is going on in the warring nations, we do know that the sound of the guns, almost within reach of the falling shells, Europe is reorganizing her industries. Under the stress of a life-and-death struggle every effort is being made to obtain the highest efficiency in the production, the distribution and the use of commodities of all kinds. Conservatism in industrial ideals and methods has been blasted and shattered to pieces in the shock of war, old systems that normally would have hung on for years have been discarded in a day, old equipment that would have been retained for years has been scrapped as fast as possible for new installation of the most advanced types. New processes are being discovered, new inventions are being made, and new forms of organization are being created.

That in a nutshell is the commercial problem which this country is facing. It is a condition; not a theory. Present prosperity and past poverty are behind us as far as any reaction of our politics is concerned, and we must decide what we are going to do about this reorganized and revitalized Europe, with its new factories, new systems, new ideas and even new aims. If we do not act wisely; if we do not take steps to protect ourselves from the danger which threatens us, we are going to experience conditions which will make the hard times of 1914 with their bread lines, idle factories and millions of men and women out of work seem in comparison like positive prosperity.

If we let matters drift; if the Democratic party with its free trade theories is permitted to retain control of the government a few short months of peace will do more damage in America than two years of the most terrible warfare in the history of the world has been able to do in Europe. The decision as to which course we are to pursue must be given by the American voters at the polls in November.

HUGHES' APPOINTMENTS

M. R. HUGHES made it clear in his speech at Chicago that when he is President, he will name none but competent men to be heads of departments and to fill other positions.

This means that the next cabinet will contain no Bryans, no Josephus Danielses, no Redfields, no McAdooes.

This means that the diplomatic corps of the country for the next eight years will lack the adorning presence of the Vopikas, the Sullivans, the Williamses and the DeSaulles who have graced its rolls since 1913.

This means that no horse doctor will be put at the head of a great scientific bureau at Washington, and that the next census will not be taken by a man whose sole experience in statistics was gained as a country insurance agent in an obscure Southern village, where his largest exploit in figures was to look in the table which an actuary had prepared in order to determine the premium to be

paid upon the infrequent policies which his office issued.

This means that election as mayor of a comparatively small city will not be deemed sufficient evidence of capacity to manage a huge executive department with annual expenditures running up into the hundreds of millions and with widespread functions which involve the defence of the national interest on far-flung frontiers.

This means—but why prolong the recital of the numberless instances where the present administration rendered to the "deserving Democrats" at public expense far beyond their merits and only too often at a cost to the efficiency and dignity of the government which is incalculable?

This means that the next administration will be made up of men who will know how and who will seek to make "America first and America efficient."

RIVER TRANSPORTATION

WHEELING commercial bodies are making a campaign for the government nitrate plant which the Fairmont Improvement Association also has its eye on. And one of the arguments Wheeling is using to support that city's claim for the new enterprise is that Wheeling has river shipping facilities. The manufacturer of a commodity used all over West Virginia as well as all over the United States and who ships in car load lots whenever that can be done finds that the bulk shipment rate from the eastern plants upon which his West Virginia customers draw is lower to Parkersburg than it is to Fairmont, although the Fairmont haul is shorter by over 125 miles. River competition explains that.

It is apparent that there are more angles to the river freight traffic problem than one. One of the reasons why so little real interest is taken in it locally is that Fairmont people do not now understand, and do not seem to care to learn, just what river traffic means. It was with the hope that something worth while in an educational way would be accomplished that The West Virginian some time ago urged that Colonel Jadwin, in charge of the government engineers in this section, be invited to come to Fairmont and tell the people something about it. Some day that will have to be done and then there will be general regret that so much precious time was wasted.

MONDAY'S MEETING

MARION county Republicans should feel a sense of pardonable pride in the fact that the campaign in West Virginia, as far as the efforts of the national organizations of the party are concerned, will begin here. And the good people of all parties who take an intelligent interest in the big problems that confront the nation should consider themselves fortunate to be given an early opportunity to hear a statesman of the character and attainments of Senator William E. Borah.

Therefore there should be a large turnout at the mass meeting which will be held in honor of Senator Borah's coming Monday afternoon. In addition to the guest of honor and orator of the occasion there will be a notable gathering of distinguished West Virginia Republicans. All in all it will be a notable event of the campaign in this state and every one who can should attend it irrespective of party affiliations.

THE SUNDAY CONFERENCE

YESTERDAY violations in this city are not merely "common" to employ the mild term used by those who are making arrangements for Sunday afternoon's mass meeting; they are flagrant. The effects of them are becoming so conspicuous that unless something is done to put a stop to them Fairmont will be a national byword and hissing, like Wheeling, and street conditions after dark will become such that good women will be compelled to stay at home.

Nevertheless we believe that the Bible classes of the city are acting wisely in deciding to make war upon the evil dispassionately, and instead of indulging in useless criticism for what has passed, to take steps which will insure better things for the future. To that end we can think of no better plan than the one they have adopted, which contemplates a conference with the officials responsible under the law for the enforcement of the criminal statutes.

It is axiomatic that any community will have the kind of government it is entitled to. If public opinion wants law enforcement it will get it, or know the reason why. In the case of Fairmont it is fair to assume that if local officials are shown that they will have the active and sincere support of that part of the community that makes public opinion they will go ahead and do their part toward enforcing the laws.

At all events let's have the conference and then we can tell what the next step is to be.

The chill in the air last night was a reminder that real campaign weather has arrived.

They are feeling it, too, on the battlefields of Europe and talk of winter campaigns is general.

But what a difference in the character of the campaigns!

Seven hundred thousand dollars is a lot of money. We hope the members of the Common Council of Fairmont will take enough interest in the proposal to borrow that amount to be on hand at the meeting of the body which has been called.

SHORT AND SNAPPY.

The question that perplexes is why all the Democratic meetings are not held in Fairmont.—Parkersburg News.

As Maine goes, so goes West Virginia.—Charleston Mail.

Governor Dunne of Illinois, again will run, but in November will find his race is done.—Wheeling Intelligencer.

Gradually Mr. Wilson seems to be coming around to the conclusion that it wouldn't be so very undignified for a President to take the stump.—Parkersburg News.

"Forget the Maine!" is the plaintive battle cry now heard in Democratic circles.—Connellsville Courier.

The result in Maine seems to indicate that the single-term plank will be carried out after all.—Charleston Mail.

The next bunch of domestic war bulletins will come from the football camps.—Wheeling Register.

"Not a seed of Democratic planting," says one of the Wilson organs, "has failed to germinate." What about the single-term plank and the reduced cost of living?—Charleston Mail.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO.)

Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

RUFF STUFF

BY RED.

When it begins to get chilly in New York and the cupboard gets bare all the street car men will return to work.

Street car men in Brooklyn will get rich if Wilbur Robertson wins the pennant.

"Skulls, legs, arms scattered with debris of ruined building." Times Headline.

Lovely reading before breakfast.

"I have come here to fight with you"—Wilson to suffragists at Atlantic City.

Huh! Fight!

Always ready to help somebody fight who has no one to fight.

Fires were lighted at the City Hall last night.

Have they actually run out of warming fluid there?

Wonder will England handle her railroad strike a la Wilson, U. S. A?

Or were the fires for the warmth of the prisoners?

Times says the Wilson Club in Clarksburg is a peach. Probably means that it has more peach and apricot for the members.

"Liner torpedoed American seamen."—likewise the Irish, the Italian and perhaps everyone else on board.

United States Army shoots it's 16 inch bullets through it's own people's houses.

Very likely afraid to shoot into the ocean.

Straw hat season extended until October 1, 1916.

And if you care to wear it longer do so, at your own peril.

"Roosevelt may stump California." Our heart goes out to Hiram the day Teddy arrives.

Ernie Bell says the Normal team is to be a pipkin.

In that case we can look to some fast games.

And lots of "busted" lines.

Already some sporting editors are filling space by prophesying which teams are to win the pennant.

They give the reasons too but somehow the teams refuse to do what the sporting writers say.

Men Had Horns Then.

The archeologists who traversed the Susquehanna river valley, visiting sites of Indian villages and digging up aboriginals and other relics, are said to have made a most astounding discovery on the Murray farm, near Athens, Pa. In finding the bones of 68 prehistoric men. The average height of these men when their skeletons were assembled, was seven feet, while many were much taller. Additional evidence of their gigantic size is found in the massive stone battle axes in their graves. Another amazing point of this discovery is the allegation that "perfectly formed skulls were found from which horns grew straight out from the head."

No Word for Love.

It is impossible to "kick" a man in French. You must give him a "blow with the foot." The Portuguese do not "wink" at one; they "close and open the eyes." In the languages of many semicivilized tribes there is no word with which to convey the idea of "stealing," perhaps because the idea of property is so vague. It is related of one of the early missionaries that, in attempting to translate the Bible into Algonquin, he could find no word to express "love," and was compelled to invent one.

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NEW YORK LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

THE New York Sun characterizes the passage of the McAdoo-Wilson Shipping bill as "a concession to pig headed obsession." In the estimation of many competent observers, however, the Sun is unwarranted in this description. It is true that the Shipping bill will serve no good purpose. It is true that it appropriates \$50,000,000 of the people's money without promising anything but loss and injury in return, but there are certain features of the bill which should not be overlooked. First, the bill creates five jobs paying \$7,500 a year each and one paying \$5,000 a year to be filled on the eve of the national election, a reason quite sufficient in itself, judging by the record of this administration. Then, as was so often explained to reluctant Democrats in Congress, it "saves the face of the President." Of course it may puzzle any intelligent analyst to understand how the passage of the mere shadow of the original bill can save Mr. Wilson's face, but his son-in-law assured members of Congress it would and so, perhaps it has. When the Crown Prince first conceived the idea of a Shipping bill, there was great need of ocean transportation and many marooned foreign vessels were in American ports. It was Crown Prince McAdoo's idea to buy these ships, but he made the fatal mistake of putting himself and Secretary Daniels on the board to make the purchases. Republicans, and some intelligent Democrats, like Senator Bankhead, foresaw that to buy these vessels in time of war and send them out under the American flag would inevitably involve this country in the European war, while Democratic and Republican Senators alike were wholly unwilling to trust Mr. McAdoo to purchase \$50,000,000 worth of ships. They knew of course that poor old Daniels would be a "me too" on the board and that the other members would not dare oppose the President's son-in-law. They sought to amend the bill by eliminating McAdoo and Daniels from the board and inserting a provision against buying foreign ships. The Crown Prince would not permit that and the bill was defeated by a Republican filibuster with which the Democratic Senators frankly sympathized, emphatically expressing their sympathy in private. So the bill went over this time and is now passed with the required amendments. Now, however, private enterprise has done much to supply the lack of ships and every ship yard is so crowded that no ships can be built for the government for three years and none are for sale. But still it is not a useless measure. There are those five fortunate and "deserving" Democrats who will get \$7,500 a year and one \$5,000 a year. After Maine, Mr. Wilson needs more pigs to inject "ginger in this campaign."

The Middle West.

That hopeless optimist, Vance McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National committee, is confident that even if the Progressives have returned to the Republican party, as shown by the Maine election, "the middle west is overwhelmingly for Wilson," while Secretary Lane asserts that "West of the Alleghenies is solid for the President." In 1914, the Maine Republicans polled 58,862 votes; the Progressives 18,225. In Ohio, the Republicans polled 524,625, the Progressives 60,971. The Republican, Willis, was elected by 31,258 plurality. The percentage of Progressives in Ohio was, therefore, much smaller than in Maine. The Democratic candidate received 92,229 fewer votes than the combined Republican and Progressive vote. In Wisconsin the Republican candidate for Governor was elected with 149,787 votes, the Progressives casting 32,560 for the "lost cause." In 1914, the combined vote being 52,838 greater than that of the Democrat. In Iowa, the Republican candidate for governor was elected by a plurality of 30,861. The Progressives polled 17,329. In Indiana, two years ago, a Democratic Senator was re-elected by a plurality of 45,483. Miller, Republican, 226,786, and Beveridge, Progressive, 108,581. Mr. Beveridge is now supporting Mr. Hughes. And one-half of his vote to that of Mr. Miller and see where Shively, the Democratic candidate, would have been. Democratic arithmetic must be as peculiar as Democratic statesmanship.

T. R. Going West.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt is going west. He will make five speeches for Mr. Hughes. While the Democratic managers may not be able to do their sums with much certainty of accurate results, there will be no sincere doubts in their minds as to what are the prospects of their candidate when Mr. Roosevelt gets through with him, according to those who have been permitted a glimpse at the outline of Mr. Roosevelt's speeches. Some of these enthusiasts even go so far as to say that the Democratic donkey will look like an army mule after six months in the European trenches, once Mr. Roosevelt has been through with him.

Wilson Demands Glinger.

That "Wilson demands glinger" is the announcement in a dispatch from Mr. Wilson's summer home to the New York papers. It appears that Mr. Wilson is highly indignant over the result in Maine and is disposed to hold his campaign managers responsible for it. It is predicted, therefore, that there is a very bad quarter of an hour in store for Chairman McCormick. Mr. Wilson never reads any criticisms of himself and, doubtless, is wholly unaware of the drastic condemnation to which he has been subjected by Mr. Hughes, Col. Roosevelt and other Republican speakers. Close friends describe him as convinced beyond argument of his own popularity and firmly persuaded that nothing will prevent the American people from entrusting their government to him for another four years. But the Maine results were disturbing and according to the correspondents with him, he purposes to make some one suffer for their carelessness in losing Maine.

AGED MAN FACES TRIAL FOR MURDER OF 44 YEARS AGO

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Sept. 16.—One night 44 years ago at a cane mill in Buncombe county, N. C., somebody kicked J. C. Rogers dog, a fight ensued and Rogers was killed.

Andrew Wise, 72, father of five children, who was present when Rogers was slain, today is waiting here for North Carolina deputy sheriffs to take him back south to face trial for the murder.

Wise has lived in various parts of the south since the murder and says he has never worried about it. He says he is innocent.

"I did not know I was wanted for murder," said Wise after his arrest. "For years I have corresponded with relatives in Buncombe county."

Several men who witnessed the murder have died since.

Roosevelt has completed his speaking trip. That was what he looked like to the Maine voters after Mr. Roosevelt had spoken there, and there may be some basis for the prediction of Mr. Hughes supporters regarding his appearance in the middle west after he has gone up against the body blows of "the Mighty Hunter."

Hughes in the West.

"Gov. Hughes' western trip was an unqualified success." This is the statement of a newspaper correspondent of long experience, who represents an independent paper and who "trailed" the Republican candidate throughout the west. As every newspaperman knows, the man who trails—that is, travels over the same ground about a week behind the candidate—has a far better opportunity of observing the real effect of the candidate's trip than those who travel with him. "Mr. Hughes," continued this correspondent, "made a splendid impression. He made no attempt to imitate Col. Roosevelt. He did not attempt rhetorical pyrotechnics. But he talked with an earnestness, a clearness and a convincing logic which held the rapid interest of his auditors and made a splendid impression. People told me that they were so interested in his speeches that they forgot to applaud and never thought of interrupting to cheer. When I told that to the Democratic managers they laughed with derision—until I reminded them that Lincoln's speeches were never cheered and that even his Gettysburg address was not applauded. The people were too much impressed by Lincoln to give any outward evidence other than their intense silence, of the deep impression his words made. And from what many Republicans and Democrats and all the newspaper men I met on Mr. Hughes' trail told me, I became convinced that he made much the same kind of speeches and the same sort of impression as did Mr. Lincoln."